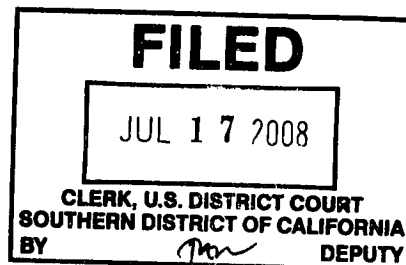


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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
12 Plaintiff,
13 v.
14 RAUL ESTRADA-ARIAS,
15 Defendant.

Magistrate Case No. 08MJ8611

STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND
ORDER THEREON

(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES
18 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and James P.
19 Melendres, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant RAUL ESTRADA-ARIAS, by and
20 through and with the advice and consent of Lynn H. Ball, counsel for defendant, that:
21 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing
22 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,
23 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead
24 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count
25 of Transportation of Aliens and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1324(a)(1)(A)(ii)
26 and (v)(II).

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1 2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or
5 before August 6, 2008.

6 4. The material witness, Luis Ledezma-Loaiza, in this case:

7 a. Is an alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

8 b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about
9 July 5, 2008;

10 c. Was found in a vehicle driven by defendant in or near Calexico, California,
11 and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that he was an alien with no lawful
12 right to enter or remain in the United States;

13 d. Was paying or having others pay on his behalf \$2,700 to others to be brought
14 into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to his destination therein; and,

15 e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland
16 Security for return to his country of origin.

17 5. After the material witness is ordered released by the Court pursuant to this stipulation
18 and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any reason, or
19 thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,
20 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

21 a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as
22 substantive evidence;

23 b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents
24 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony
25 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest
26 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

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1 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),
2 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
3 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
4 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

5 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
6 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
7 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
8 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

9 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
10 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
11 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

12 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

13 Respectfully submitted,

14 KAREN P. HEWITT
15 United States Attorney

16 Dated: 7-17-08


17 JAMES P. MELENDRES
18 Assistant United States Attorney

19 Dated: 6 Aug 08


20 LYNN H. BALL
21 Defense Counsel for RAUL ESTRADA-ARIAS

22 Dated: 6 Aug 08


23 RAUL ESTRADA-ARIAS
24 Defendant

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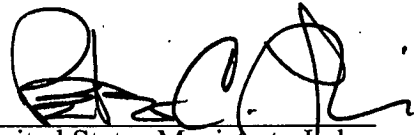
Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

THE STIPULATION is admitted into evidence, and,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 7-17-08


United States Magistrate Judge